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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AS AMERICAN AND OTHER WESTERN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES GATHER IN BAGHDAD, ATTENTION HERE IS TURNED TOWARD THE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO GET UNDERWAY TODAY. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED THOUGH PERHAPS NOT

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AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. SURPRISE IS THAT LIBYA IS SENDING "FOREIGN MINISTER" ABD AL-ATI AL-UBAIDI. SYRIA WILL REPORTEDLY BE REPRESENTED BY A MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NOT BY KHADDAM.

3. IRAQI MEDIA CONTINUE TO FEATURE WORLDWIDE CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI RAID ALONG WITH LENGTHY EXCERPTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE HARSHER ON U.S. POSITION THAN IRAQI COMMENTARIES THEMSELVES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IRAQ WILL CONTINUE ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM IS ALSO FEATURED.

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5. MEANWHILE, THERE IS SOME LOCAL SPECULATION, PERHAPS WISHFUL THINKING, THAT THE CONVOCATION OF ARAB REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WAKE OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK WILL PATCH UP INTER-ARAB QUARRELS AND BRING NEW UNITY TO THE MOVEMENT.

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